

**CITY OF HARTFORD**  
**APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT**

A special permit is required for any event held on City property, City buildings and/or Private Property that requires specific City or State permits or authorizations, as well as the use of City services and assets. The special permit is required to ensure the health, safety and welfare of event participants, residents and visitors, and to minimize the financial and legal risks to the Event Organizers and the City. Special events include parades, sporting events, concerts, theater productions, celebrations, outings, weddings ceremonies and fairs, among others.

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**Application Submission**

This application may be submitted via mail or fax.

**Mailing Address:**

CITY OF HARTFORD  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS  
260 CONSTITUTION PLAZA  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103-2913  
PHONE#: 860-757-9200 Fax Number: (860) 722-6374  
ATTENTION: Angella Stevens

Please complete and submit **ALL** the sections of the application that pertain to your event.

Applications for a Special Permit shall be filled no less than 60 days or more than 1 year before the date of the event.

Applications filed less than 60 days in advance will be subject to a late fee of \$50. The late fee must accompany the application (Checks must be made payable to the City of Hartford).

Applications must be **COMPLETED IN FULL** either printed or typed. Incomplete applications will be returned.

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If the use of the Riverfront Plaza, Riverside Park or Charter Oak Landing is desired, please also contact Riverfront Recapture at (860) 713-3131. Prior signoff is required.

For wedding ceremonies in Elizabeth Park this special permit is not needed. Instead, please contact the Department of Public Works/Parks Division at (860)757-4943 for requirements.

**FOR QUESTIONS: Contact Kejuan Dillard, Special Events Coordinator at: (860)757-9732**

## **Application Sections**

This application for a Special Permit is structured in seven sections that request specific information about your organization, group and planned event. The sections are designed to gather as much pertinent information as possible so that you as an event organizer will have a better understanding of your event. In addition this will make it possible for the City departments to help provide you the necessary approvals and support to conduct a successful event. Not all sections are applicable to every event. Please complete all the sections that apply to your event.

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| <b>Section A</b> | <b>Permit and Applicant Information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Type of permit requested</li><li>• Event description</li><li>• Special considerations</li><li>• Hold harmless agreement</li></ul> |
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Costs for the use of City property and buildings, as well as for City services and equipment are the responsibility of the event sponsor and are payable prior to the event.

## Section A: Permit and Applicant Information (To be completed by all applicants)

### Type of Permit Requested (More than one may apply)

#### Park Permit (Complete section B)

☐ Run/walk      ☐ Parade      ☐ Procession      ☐ Block Party      ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(\*Complete section D also)

#### Parade & Street Closure Permit (Complete section C)

☐ Run/walk   ☐ Parade/Procession   ☐ Block party   ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization's full address: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide mailing address if different: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization's phone: Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary contact name: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary contact e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary contact on-site on event day: Pager/Cellular: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the benefiting organization a for-profit or not-for-profit organization?

\_\_\_\_ For-profit    \_\_\_\_ Not-for-profit

Name of person/organization applying for the permit if different than the organization sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

### EVENT DESCRIPTION

Estimated attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please provide a realistic estimate so we may accurately gauge the number of police and other city services that will be required.**

Title of event: \_\_\_\_\_

Location(s) of event: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of event: \_\_\_\_\_

Actual hours of event: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ AM ☐ PM \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ AM ☐ PM

Set-up times: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ AM ☐ PM \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ AM ☐ PM

Take-down times: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ AM ☐ PM \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ AM ☐ PM

Will you be charging fees or selling tickets? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is the event being held on private property? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Rain dates for events will be determined by the City of Hartford.**

Has this event be held before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please provide details including previous name, date, and if there are significant change for this year's event. \_\_\_\_\_

## Special Considerations

### Parking

a. What arrangements have been made for participant parking?

b. What arrangements have been made for volunteer staff parking?

c. Is handicapped parking needed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, provide details

d. Do parking meters need to be "bagged" (covered) to prohibit parking? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### Fireworks, Pyrotechnics, Amusement Rides and Animals

Will there be fireworks, pyrotechnic special effects and/or amusement rides and/or animals planned as part of the Event?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, the City's Special Events Coordinator will provide additional requirements.

### Food, Beverage, and Alcohol Requirements

Will there be food and/or beverages? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, temporary permits will be required. Failure to do so will result in the exclusion of unlicensed food and/or beverage vendors from your event. The Special Events Coordinator will provide additional requirements.

Will food and/or beverages be sold? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Centralizing money exchange locations will greatly reduce police costs.**

List the name, address and the telephone number(s) of the contact person (**food service coordinator**) who will coordinate food for your event.

**The food service event coordinator must contact The City of Hartford Health Department at (860) 543-8815. State and City Public Health Code requirements must be met for all food service operations. A health inspection may be conducted prior to the event.**

**Food service vendors** must contact The City of Hartford Division of Licenses & Inspection at (860) 757-9200 for a Temporary Food License permit **APPLICATION 10 business days** before the event. Applicant must apply in person. Fee is \$50.00 per vending station payable cash or check only.

**There shall be no home cooking or home preparation of food offered at temporary food service events. All foods must be obtained from a licensed and permitted retail or wholesale food distributor.**

**Definitions:**

- **"Participant"** is the food vendor and its employees/staff.
- **"Audience"** is the public who will take part in the event.
- **"Temporary Food Service"** is any food service establishment that operates at a fixed location for a temporary period of time, in connection with a fair, carnival, circus, public exhibition, or similar transitory gathering.

**Are your temporary food event participants any of the following, check all that apply:**

- 1.) Professional events caterer \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.) Restaurateur or licensed food service facility \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.) Current permitted mobile food vendor \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.) Social or civic organization/group \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.) Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.) Other \_\_\_\_\_

**b. Food to be served**

Hot food	Yes _____	No _____
Cold food	Yes _____	No _____
Hot beverage	Yes _____	No _____
Cold beverage	Yes _____	No _____
Prepackaged food	Yes _____	No _____
Food processed on-site	Yes _____	No _____

**Alcohol**

Will any alcohol beverages be sold or dispensed for free? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If **yes**, the City's Special Events Coordinator will explain any additional permit and insurance requirements. Temporary event permits will be required. Failure to do so will result in exclusion of selling and/or serving alcohol beverages.

**Sanitation**

**Portable Sanitary Facilities:** Sanitary facilities are required for all events in the park with 50 or more persons. ADA facilities are required at all events. (Guidelines: 500 participants = 2 regular and 1 ADA portable sanitary facility.)

List the company providing sanitation service: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Hand Washing Stations:** Hand washing stations or antibacterial soap is required for the public. Each vendor site must have a hand wash station with running water for food service participants.

List the company providing sanitation service: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Drinking Water:** Drinking water must be available to all participants at no cost. What arrangements have been made for drinking water?

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## **Structures**

Will any structures, such as booths, tents, stages or bleachers, need to be built or erected for use during the event? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, provide details \_\_\_\_\_

## **Police, Safety and Security Considerations**

a. Will money be exchanged? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

b. Will you be making bank deposits? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, will you need a police escort? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

c. Will you need police overnight security before, during or after the event?

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please provide details including hours needed \_\_\_\_\_

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d. Do you have any special police needs? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please provide details

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e. What arrangements are you planning for emergency medical and ambulance services?

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f. Do you have any special events or effects planned (e.g., canon firings, confetti canons, flyovers, etc.)? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please provide details.

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## **Adherence to Event Schedule**

The Event Sponsor is responsible for adhering to the approved event schedule, including the set-up and breakdown schedule. The Event Sponsor may incur substantial, additional costs if the event schedule is changed or not followed.

## Hold Harmless Agreement

This Hold Harmless Agreement must be completed and signed by the applicant seeking to utilize City Streets, Parks, Equipment and/or Services.

PLEASE PRINT:

Applicant, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agrees that it shall, at all times, defend, and indemnify, protect and save harmless the City of Hartford and its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liabilities, actions, claims, damages, losses, judgments, cost and expenses (including but not limited to attorneys' fees) arising out of injuries to any person, party, entity or property, that may arise as a result of any occurrence, negligence or otherwise during the Applicant's use.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**I am the authorized legal agent to represent and sign for the group or organization sponsoring the event. I affirm to the truth in the statements in this application.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

Applicant's Relationship to Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
***The City of Hartford does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of any of its programs, activities or services.***

**Section B Park Events**  
(To be completed and attached for park events only)

**1. Park Requested**

Indicate the name of the park and exact location in the park for the requested permit.

- ☐ Bushnell      ☐ Charter Oak Landing\*      ☐ Colt      ☐ Elizabeth  
☐ Goodwin      ☐ Keney      ☐ Pope      ☐ Riverfront Plaza\*  
☐ Riverside Park\*      ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

\*Requires prior Riverfront Recapture signoff.

**2. Type of Event**

Indicate type of activity such as a concert (Complete Section D also), festival, fair, walk-a-thon, etc. Describe in as much detail as possible.

**3. Amusement Rides and Animals**

a. Will there be amusement rides? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

b. Will there be animals involved or a petting zoo? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Current rabies certificates are required.**

**4. Vendors merchandise**

Will vendors be selling merchandise? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please provide detail \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Tents**

Will your event require tents? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Clean Up Requirements**

The applicant is responsible for clean up. If clean up is to be provided by a contractor or organization, please indicate its name, address, and telephone number.

## **7. Surety Bond and/or Deposit**

A minimum \$2,500 Surety Bond or Certified Check, payable to the City of Hartford Parks Maintenance Division will be required at least two (2) weeks in advance to offset turf/lawn damaged; misuse of park equipment, or litter/garbage pick-up for all park events. This requirement is primarily for large park events such as concerts, festivals, carnivals, marathons, etc., and may be waived totally or partially for small groups or organizations with limited resources, on a case-by-case basis depending on the nature and scope of the event.

Waiver of the Surety Bond or Certified Check does not in any way waive the rights of the City of Hartford against the sponsor nor does it relieve the sponsor of its responsibility or its liability for turf/lawn damage, misuse of park equipment or litter/garbage pick-up.

The Dept of Public Works/Parks Division, reserves the right to increase the dollar amount of the Surety Bond/Certified Check requirement for all park events.

**NOTE: The surety bond or certified check may be held up to 30 days to assess park and irrigation system damage.**

**Section C Parades & Street Closures**  
(To be completed and attached for parades and street closures only)

**1. Parade/Procession Route or Street Closures**

Starting point: \_\_\_\_\_ Termination point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Provide details (map is preferable) of the travel route: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant changes to approved routes will result in additional charges.**

Will you be using the sidewalk? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Will you be using the street? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, which lanes? All lanes \_\_\_\_\_ Left Lanes \_\_\_\_\_ Right Lanes \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Participants**

Approximate number of persons, vehicles and animals to be in the parade/street closing:

Include the type of animals and a description of the vehicles, etc.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Staging, Assembly, and Parade Speed**

**a. Location**

Location of assembly area: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of disassembly area: \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be a reviewing stand? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, where will it be? \_\_\_\_\_

**Limit is one viewing stand per parade**

**b. Time**

Time units of the parade will begin to assemble in the assembly area: \_\_\_\_\_

Time the assembly area will no longer be needed: \_\_\_\_\_

**c. Speed**

Minimum speed: \_\_\_\_\_ maximum speed: \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum interval to be maintained between units: \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum length of the parade in miles: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section D Concerts and Performances

(To be completed and attached for concerts only)

### 1. Type of Concert or Performance and Schedule

a. Describe the type of concert or performance (classical, country, folk, jazz, rock, etc.)

b. Indicate the full name and business address of the performing group(s) or its management company: (Use an additional page if necessary)

c. Provide the performance schedule including the following:

When will the performance begin? \_\_\_\_\_

When will it end? \_\_\_\_\_

When will the performers arrive? \_\_\_\_\_

When will the performers depart? \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Admission Fees, Attendance and Expected Age Group

a. Will an admission fee be charged? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

b. How many people do you expect to attend the concert? \_\_\_\_\_

c. What is the expected age group? \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Performing Group's Past Performance History

a. Person(s) who may be contacted to give information regarding previous group performances:

b. Where and when did the performing group(s) last hold a concert?

c. Approximately how many persons attended? \_\_\_\_\_

d. Was an admission fee charged? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

e. What type of security was required at the last performance?

### 4. Performer Requirements

a. When and where will the performers arrive?

b. How will security personnel be able to identify the performers? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Will they need an escort? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If yes, provide details

d. Where will performers park? \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Special Considerations

a. Please describe any event details that may require special consideration in considering your application.

**Section E Equipment & Facility Requests and Costs**  
(To be completed and attached if City equipment is needed)

City equipment that may be requested, if available, is listed below. Costs are listed for each item. There may be additional costs for staff expenses, if staff is required to work overtime to set up equipment or provide services during the event.

1. **Bushnell Park Pavilion** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
(\$160 + \$90/hour)

2. **Staging** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, what size?  
10x10 \_\_\_\_ 16X16\* \_\_\_\_ 16X32\* \_\_\_\_ Stationary staging (where available) \_\_\_\_  
(\$400) (\$900) (\$1600) (\$300)  
\*Inspection is required

3. **55 Gallon Trash Barrels** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_  
(\$450 for up to 25 Barrels) (Includes delivery, pickup, dumping and tipping fees)

4. **Fencing Installation Only** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
Snow Fencing Installation (Labor Only)  
(\$25/hour)

5. **Clean Up** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
(\$150/hour) (3 hour minimum = \$450)

6. **Dumpsters** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, what size?  
(Includes delivery, pickup, dumping and tipping fees)

½ Ton \_\_\_\_ 1 Ton \_\_\_\_  
(\$100/day + tipping fee) (\$200/day) + tipping fee

7. **Street Closing Fee** (Required for all street closing events)  
(\$0.03/per square foot)

8. **Street Sweeper** (Required for all Parades)  
\$200/hour (3 hour minimum = \$600) Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

9. **Barricades** (May be required by City staff)  
(3 hour minimum = \$475) Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

10. **Parking Meters Covered** (May be required by City staff)  
(\$136 - 3 hour minimum) Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

11. **Mad Vac/Blower** (May be required by City staff)  
(\$150 minimum charge (varies by job) Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

## Section F Fee Waivers & Payment

### Fee Waivers

Certain events are eligible for a fee waiver of up to 50%. The Hartford Court of Common Council may grant fee waivers with a recommendation from the Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee.

Consideration for a fee waiver is based on the cost for city services to support the event, the organization sponsoring the event, and the goals of the sponsor. The Committee or the full Council may request additional information in order to determine the appropriateness of a fee waiver.

Event sponsors requesting a fee waiver must provide an event budget listing all income and expense items. Income should include any amounts received from vendors participating in the event, as well as any funds received from affiliated sponsors subsidizing the event. If the event is a fund-raiser for a charity or not-for-profit organization, the summary should include estimated net proceeds to the beneficiary.

**Fundraisers for another organization may not be eligible for a fee waiver.**

Within sixty days after the event, sponsors who received a fee waiver may be requested to submit an accounting of the event's income and expenses to the City's Events Coordinator. If net proceeds are greater than budgeted, the Council may reduce the fee waiver amount for the next year.

Also within sixty days after the event, sponsors representing that the funds, or a portion thereof, generated from the event will be used to benefit a charitable or not-for-profit organization, the sponsor may be requested to provide documentation that this representation has been fulfilled.

Questions on Fee Waivers should be directed to the City's Event Coordinator.

**Are you or will you be requesting a fee waiver?** \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

### PAYMENTS

Festival sponsors shall pay for all city services in advance except for those sponsors who:

1. Furnish proof that that they are a nonprofit organization;
2. Charge no admission to the event being sponsored.

Sponsors who satisfy the above requirements may request to pay fifty (50) percent of the cost to the city in advance.

**Are you a non-profit organization applying for the 50% in advance payment schedule?**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO